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Arkansas Insurance Commissioner Re-elected to NAIC Position

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS (December 11, 2007) —State Insurance Commissioner Julie Benafield Bowman was re-elected to the position of Vice Chair of the Southeastern Zone of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) at the association's quarterly meeting held last week in Houston. The Southeastern Zone is comprised of commissioners and regulators from Florida, West Virginia, South Carolina, Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and the U.S. territories of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Bowman's position as an officer of the Zone also provides her a place on the Executive Committee of the NAIC.

"I am honored to have been chosen by my peers to continue to hold this position in this national organization," said Bowman. "It gives me the opportunity to effect change not only for Arkansas insurance consumers, but for those all over the country."

The NAIC is a voluntary organization of chief insurance regulatory officials. Its overriding objective is to assist state insurance regulators in protecting consumers and helping maintain the financial stability of the insurance industry by offering financial, actuarial, legal, computer, research, market conduct, and economic expertise. Formed in 1871, the NAIC is the oldest association of state officials.

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Bowman, a native of Hazen, was appointed to a four-year term as Insurance Commissioner on January 15, 2005. Under her leadership, the Arkansas Insurance Department has developed an ongoing consumer education and awareness program. She received her B.A. degree in political science and speech communications from Ouachita Baptist University in 1985, and earned her Juris Doctor from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock School of Law in 1989.

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